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SUBJ: ABSENCE OF RESPONSE TO DEPUTY SECRETARY'S PROTEST
OF TREATMENT OF AMBASSADOR

REF (A) STATE 49305, (B) COTONOU 304,

1. WHEN FORNMIN DIR FOR WESTERN EUROPE/NORTH AMERICA (CAKPO) CONTACTED EMBASSY RE INDEMNIFICATION (COTONOU 388) CHARGE TOOK THE OCCASION TO INQUIRE IF MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED AMB BOYA'S REPORT ON MEETING WITH DEPSEC AND IF GPRB'S RESPONSE WAS IN PREPARATION. CAKPO CLIMED IGNORANCE THAT ANY RESPONSE REQUIRED. EXPLAINED THE USG EXPECTED ASSURANCES THAT TREATMENT ACCORDED AMB ENGLE WOULD NOT BE REPEATED. CAKPO REFERRED BACK TO CHARGE MEETING WITH FORNMIN AND NOTED THAT MIN HAD TOLD CHARGE THERE HAD BEEN NO MISTREATMENT OF THE AMB. CHARGE REITERATED THAT IS NOT HOW THE USG VIEWED THE SITUATION. CAKPO SAID HE WOULD "RESTDY THE FILE".

2. COMMENT: PERHAPS BOYA'S REPORT ON HIS FEB 27 MEETING WITH AF/F DIR WILL ILLICIT SOME RESPONSE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY IS VERY SKEPTICAL THAT ASSURANCES WILL BE FORTHCOMING. WE BELIEVE GPRB HAS ADOPTED POSITION THAT AMB WAS NOT MISTREATED AND THEREFORE THERE IS NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE OR TO PROVIDE ASSURANCES AGAINST REPETITION OF AMB'S TREATMENT. AS A MATTER OF PRIDE, GPRB WILL GROW ADAMANT IN THE FACE OF ANY PRESSURE FROM
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US. ON THIS QUESTION, EVEN AT THE COST OF NORMALIZA-

TION OF OUR RELATIONSHIP.

3. EXCEPT FOR PROMISES (WHICH ARE PROBABLY EMPTY ONES) FROM
FORNMIN (COTONOU 304 RE UN), ALL THE SIGNALS FROM THE GPRB
RECEIVED SINCE AMB'S DEPARTURE ARE NEGATIVE (DELAY IN INDEMN-
IFICATION NEGOTIATIONS, CHANCERY, AND MORE UNFRIENDLY PRESS
REFERENCES TO U.S.).
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